



## Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Feb. 23, 2017

Amherst

Hosted by Alexandra Lodge #87

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 21 brother masons from the Cumberland District were in attendance for the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone and congratulated the brothers for such a good turn out.

NAME	LODGE
W Bro. Don MacKinnon	Acacia #8
RW Bro. Norman Rushton	Laurie #70
W Bro. Justin Simons	Laurie #70
Bro. Darin Pettis	Laurie #70
VW Bro. Dwight Gallagher	Laurie #70
Bro. Amos Margeson	Laurie #70
RW Bro. Archie StPeter	Laurie #70
Bro. Drew Fraser	Laurie #70
RW Bro. Rob Campbell	Wimburn #75
VW Bro. Ned Douglas	Wimburn #75
RW Bro. Phil Adams	Wimburn #75

NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. George Anderson	Wallace #76
RW Bro. Alan Linkletter	King Edward #86
W Bro. Jim Sicheri	King Edward #86
Bro. Dale Langille	King Edward #86
VW Bro. Scott McNairn	King Edward #86
RW Bro. Jack Boyd	Alexandra #87
W Bro. Larry Ross	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
Bro. Alf Fisher	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Tom Osborne	Alexandra #87

### MINUTES

Bro. Margeson moved that the minutes of the Nov. 24, 2016 meeting be approved. 2nd by W Bro. Jim Sicheri. Motion carried.

### AGENDA

Motion to allow us to deviate from the published Agenda as necessary was moved by RW Bro. Rob Campbell and 2nd by Bro. Amos Margeson. Motion carried.

## SICKNESS AND REGRETS

The following brothers were reported as not well: Bro. Arnie McNally of Wimburn is recovering from a triple by-pass, Bro. Bob Caulder is not well, Bro. Emerson Symes is in Gables Nursing Home and would like visitors. Also Bro. Allison Chapman of Acacia #8 recently past away.

Regrets were received from RW Bro. Merriam who was unable to attend tonight.

## BUSINESS

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that we have \$995.41 in the bank. The Chairman asked that the notice be sent to the lodges reminding them that the \$100 CDMA dues have to be paid by March 31 for the 2016/2017 year.

### WEBSITE

VW Bro. Michael Gaul reported that new blog posts have been added recently.

He has noted that when new posts are added and the brethren are notified, there is a great increase in the number of people visiting the Blog. Since our last meeting there have been 237 Visitors with 2571 posts and pictures viewed! On our website, since I started recording in March of 2015, we have had 2794 visitors.

### DEGREE DRAMA TEAM

RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that they are ready to do more whenever they are asked to perform. Nothing is scheduled at this present time.

### TRAVELING GAVEL

The Traveling Gavel is at Wimburn Lodge.

### WAYS & MEANS - SOCIAL COMMITTEES

W Bro. Ross stated that they have been looking at ideas that may work in this area. He spoke of having a Meat Darts night on a quarterly basis. The brothers thought that may work so he said he would bring it up at the next Amherst Masonic Society Meeting and try to find some dates.

### OUR CHARITY FOR 2016/2017

The money (\$200) collected at the DDGM's Annual Meeting is being donated to the Cumberland Venture Company (they were the people who provided and served the dinner at that meeting). After some discussion it was decided that that group would be our charity this year. Motion to this effect was made by RW Bro. Boyd and seconded by RW Bro. Adams. Motion carried.

The chairman suggested that we should make sure the lodges know about this and perhaps they would like to contribute and add the money to the CDMAs so that we can have the Masonic Foundation match us three to one.

## BOGP

RW Bro. Boyd will be going to the BOGP this Saturday, Feb. 25 along with the DDGM, RW Bro. Rushton. Two items that will be discussed are:

- regarding a lodge going into darkness - it should be 70% of those who voted.
- regarding DEMITs - although there is a 30 day wait time once it is read in lodge, they will discuss our being able to grant it immediately (many lodges already do this; especially, if the request comes along in December).

## HONORARY PAST MASTER

RW Bro. Linkletter said that King Edward Lodge has been in touch with the Grand Master about making Bro. Emerson Symes an honorary Past Master. The presentation will be made on Saturday, April 8 at 1:30pm at Gables Nursing Home in Amherst. The Grand Master plans to be there to make the presentation.

**Please come along to make this day really special for Bro. Symes.**

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Notices of Motion that we received from Grand Lodge were read by the secretary, VW Bro. Gaul, and discussed by the brothers present.

## DDGM'S MESSAGE

RW Bro. Norm Rushton, our DDGM, thanked everyone for helping to make his Annual Meeting a success.

He announced that the **District Church Service will be on May 7th at the St. Andrews Wesleyan United Church in Springhill at 11:15am.**

The date for the **District Workshop** will be announced shortly. The topic will be Long Range Planning.

He will be presenting the bursaries at the Springhill NSCC in June and the Annual Communication is June 2nd and 3rd at the Glengarry in Truro.

It is Wimburn Lodge's turn to have the DDGM next year so he will attend their March meeting to have them pick a brother to be the next Cumberland DDGM.

## NEXT MEETING & CLOSING

The next meeting will be:

**May 25, 2017 at King Edward Lodge in River Hebert at 7:30pm.**

Motion to close the meeting was made by RW Bro. Archie St Peter and seconded by W Bro. Jim Sichi.

Meeting closed around 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by VW Bro. Michael Gaul ( CDMA Secretary )